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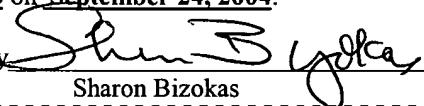
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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

1. This transmittal letter (1 page) (x2);
2. Search Report Information Disclosure Statement (4 pages) and 1449 Form (1 page);
3. References for IDS (3 references);
4. Copy of EPO Search Report (3 pages); and
5. Return Receipt Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any excess fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1105. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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SEARCH REPORT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

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I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on PTO-1449, attached hereto.

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a. X Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

b. This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. , filed on . The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application (s) and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application.

c. Examiner has requested only copy f Rogers et al. (CA)

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a. X Except as may be indicated below in (b), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language or were cited in an English language Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto (concise explanation not required).

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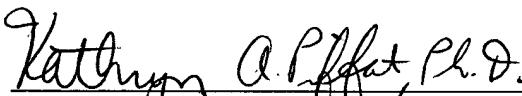
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO	
BA	WO 90/03959	19.04.90	PCT	C07B	63/00	Yes	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)							
	CA	Rogers et al., "Bacterial Typing: Storing and Processing of Stabilized Reference Bacteria for Polymerase Chain Reaction without Preparing DNA – An Example of an Automatable Procedure", Analytical Biochemistry 247:223-227 (1997)					
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